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SUBJECT: ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

1. SUMMARY: PUBLICIZED PORTION OF OPENING SESSION OF ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING GAVE CLEAR SIGNAL THAT PALESTINE QUESTION WILL BE KEYNOTE OF 7TH ARAB SUMMIT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, CLOSED PORTION OF MEETING CONSIDERED PREPARATION OF SUMMIT AGENDA, INTER-ARAB COOPERATION, AND ARAB-EUROPEAN AND ARAB AFRICAN COOPERATION. FONMINS WILL REPORTEDLY STUDY CREATION OF ARAB-AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, WITH SEAT IN KHARTOUM. WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO STUDY ARAB LEAGUE SECY GEN'S REPORTS ON INTER-ARAB COOPERATION, ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION, AND TWO ARAB-EUROPEAN MEETINGS ALREADY HELD. END SUMMARY.

2. ARAB LEAGUE SECY GEN RIAD OPENED FIRST SESSION OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OCT 22 WITH REMARKS STRESSING PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND RECOVERY OF ALL ARAB TERRITORY WHICH PREVIEWED MUCH OF WHAT FOLLOWED IN OTHER SPEECHES. AFTER REFERENCES TO ISRAELI "EXPANSIONISM AND AGGRESSION",
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RIAD SAID "THE ENEMY HAS FORGOTTEN THE LESSONS OF THE

RAMADAN WAR...WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE ENEMY HAS FURTHER REINFORCED ITS MILITARY CAPABILITY AND THAT IT BENEFITS FROM ENORMOUS MILITARY AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. NEXT SPEAKER, MOROCCAN FOMIN LARAKI, ELECTED PRESIDENT OF MINISTERS' COUNCIL, BEGAN HIS REMARKS WITH WELCOME TO DELEGATES, WISHES FOR SUCCESS OF TALKS AND CALL FOR CONTINUED ARAB SOLIDARITY. HE THEN FOLLOWED TONE SET BY RIAD BY DENOUNCING "ZIONIST MANEUVERS TO JUDAIZE THE ARAB LAND OF PALESTINE", AND CALLED FOR NEW IMPETUS FOR LIBERATION OF JERUSALEM AND RECOVERY OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. LARAKI ALSO MADE POINT OF CONGRATULATING PLO FOR UNGA REPRESENTATION VICTORY.

3. AFTER BRIEF REMARKS BY IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTRY SECY GEN ABDEL HUSSEIN AL-JAMALI, WHO HEADING IRAQI DELEGATION IN WAKE OF FOMIN TAQA'S DEATH, PLO REP FAROUQ QADUMI DELIVERED TOUGH SPEECH (FBIS LONDON 222330Z, 230038Z AND 230047Z ALL OCT 74 AND ALL NOTAL). QADUMI CITED AS RECENT POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS RAMADAN WAR, RECOGNITION OF PLO AS SOLE REP OF PALESTINIANS, AND IMPROVED EC AND AFRICAN ATTITUDES. HE THEN NOTED FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THREE MAJOR OBJECTIVES DEFINED BY 6TH ARAB SUMMIT IN ALGIERS -- THAT ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 BE LIBERATED WITH "NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY" OVER THEM NOT VIOLATED; THAT JERUSALEM BE FREED WITH REJECTION OF ANY "STATUS AFFECTING COMPLETE ARAB SOVEREIGNTY", AND THAT RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS BE RESTORED IN ACCORD WITH RESOLUTIONS OF PLO. QADUMI NOTED THAT 12TH PLO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HAD REJECTED UNGA RESOLUTION 242 "AT ALL LEVELS" AND CITED FOURTH DECISION OF 6TH ARAB SUMMIT THAT PALESTINIAN QUESTION CONCERNS ALL ARABS AND NO ARAB PARTY COULD WITHDRAW FROM THIS COMMITMENT.

4. THUS, DESPITE PROGRESS, QADUMI CONTINUED, ZIONIST STRATEGY WHOSE AIMS ARE TO STALL AND DESTROY ARAB SOLIDARITY, TO FIND AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT FOR A MILITARY STRIKE AND TO EVADE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION, HAS BLOCKED ACHIEVEMENT OF 6TH ARAB SUMMIT GOALS, AND THERE ARE EVEN "CONTRADICTIONS" IN ARAB-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE AND "SIGNS OF DEFECTION" BY CERTAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AFRICAN STATES. AT SEVERAL POINTS IN SPEECH, QADUMI MENTIONED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN ZIONISM AND "U.S. IMPERIALISM".

5. IN CONCLUSION, QADUMI LISTED AMONG "AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF STRATEGY FOR CURRENT STAGE": (A) ARAB UNITY AND PREVENTION OF DEFECTION TO ANY INDIVIDUAL SOLUTIONS BY ANY PARTY; (B) PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO ESTABLISH ITS AUTHORITY OVER

ANY PALESTINIAN LANDS LIBERATED; (C) MORE SUPPORT FOR PLO;
(D) CONTINUED BUILDING OF ARAB FIGHTING ABILITY; AND (E)
CONCENTRATION ON ARAB-EUROPEAN DIALOGUE, ON AIDING AFRICANS
IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THEIR STAND, AND ON CONSOLIDATION OF
RELATIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

6. FONMINS THEN WENT INTO 2-1/2 HOUR CLOSED SESSION.
PRESS REPORTS ARAB LEAGUE ASST SECY GEN NOWFAL'S
DESCRIPTION OF SESSION, WHICH LARGELY DEVOTED TO
ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS, IN SOME DETAILS. ITEMS STUDIED
INCLUDED PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMIT, DRAFT FONMINS' AND
SUMMIT AGENDAS, A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ARAB LEAGUE
CHARTER, A MEMORANDUM OF AL SECY GEN, EUROPEAN-ARAB
DIALOGUE, ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION, AND ARAB AND
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN RELATION TO INTER-ARAB ECONOMIC,
POLITICAL AND MILITARY COOPERATION. RE AFRICAN
COOPERATION, FONMINS ARE REPORTEDLY TO EXAMINE CREATION
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7. NOWFAL SAID GENERAL DEBATE FOLLOWED ADOPTION OF FON

MINS'TIGENDA, DURING WHICH SYRIAN FON MIN KHADDAM, EGYPTIAN FON MIN FAHMI, AND JORDANIAN PRI MIN RIFAI SET FORTH THEIR COUNTRIES' POSITIONS. FON MINS THEREUPON EXAMINED WORK METHODS, APPROVING SYRIAN-SAUDI PROPOSAL TO FORM WORKING COMMITTEE, COMPOSED OF SYRIA, EGYPT, JORDAN, PLO, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND ALGERIA, TO BEGIN ACTIVITIES OCT 23. COMMITTEE WILL STUDY ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT REPORTS ON INTER-ARAB COOPERATION, ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION, AND ON TWO MEETINGS ALREADY HELD IN EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOGUE. COMMITTEE IS CHARGED WITH WORKING OUT OVERALL JOINT DOCUMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO CHIEFS OF STATE.

8. COMMENT: MOST NOTEWORTHY FEATURE OF OPENING SESSION WAS HEAVY EMPHASIS ON PALESTINIAN QUESTION. BOTH RIAD AND LARAKI STRESSED THIS ISSUE, AND IT ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT ONLY PUBLICIZED NON-PROTOCOLARY SPEECH WAS QADUMI'S. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MOROCCAN SOURCES TO JUDGE CONFERENCE BY ITS OFFICIAL OUTCOME RATHER THAN ITS ATMOSPHERICS, AND QADUMI'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPEECH CLEARLY DOES NOT REPRESENT VIEWS OF ALL DELEGATIONS. EMB OFFS PRESENT AT MEETING DID NOT RPT NOT FIND THAT QADUMI'S REMARKS RECEIVED WITH NOTABLE ENTHUSIASM, AND MOROCCAN PRESS SUMMARIES TONED IT DOWN GREATLY, ELIMINATING WORD "AMERICAN" FROM REFERENCES TO "IMPERIALISM." NEVER-THELESS, QADUMI'S UNCOMPROMISING SPEECH WAS MAIN EVENT OF SESSION. PUBLICATION OF THESE REMARKS, COUPLED WITH ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE WHATEVER TO KING HUSSEIN, WHO SOURCES TELL US WILL PROBABLY BE OFFERED SOME SORT OF "FACE SAVING" COMPROMISE, SIGNALS THAT PALESTINIAN QUESTION WILL BE KEYNOTE OF 7TH ARAB SUMMIT.
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